

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM

Repairs and Improvements to Be Completed Next Week.

Some Changes That Will Benefit the Exhibits—The Needs of the Smithsonian Institution—Curators Hindered by a Lack of Space—A Plan Extended for Another Building.

The repairs and improvements that are being made to the southern hall of the National Museum, it was said today, will be completed next week. Frederick W. True, the executive curator of the Museum, said the repairs would make a much needed change in the building. The principal improvement being made is the addition of a large wall case, with a glass front, in which will be placed as many of the large North American mammal skeletons as possible, such as seals, walrus, sea lions, bears, and wolves. The balance of the mammals to be exhibited in this hall will be rearranged so as to show to the best advantage, and some at present not on exhibition will be added.

About a year ago when the new galleries were completed, it was undertaken to place the entire exhibition series of North American mammals on the ground floor and exhibit the foreign forms on the galleries. The present improvements, it was said, are in continuation of this plan. Mr. True stated that they expect to have on this floor the finest and most complete representative series of North American mammals in the world.

In the southern corner of the Museum an increase in the exhibition space is being made which will at the same time yield additional laboratory space. The gallery is being extended to form a floor so that the building is divided into an upper and lower story. The lower floor will be used for exhibition purposes and the upper for laboratories.

New skylights have been put in the four courts of the Museum building, adding greatly to the amount of light received. It was explained that the National Museum is very much hampered by lack of space for study series in the various branches of natural history, and anthropology; and that another building of the same size as the one now occupied ought to be supplied at an early date.

The present Museum and the Smithsonian Institution, it was said, are crowded to overflowing, and the hope was expressed that Congress would early make a provision that would give the National Museum the possibilities for exhibition and study that such an institution deserves. The present building, it was said, could very well be utilized for the anthropological collections, and another of its size is needed for natural history subjects. Said Mr. True: "The present buildings are inadequate and unsuitable, and by no means adequate to the requirements. The country owes it to the Smithsonian Institution to provide a good commodious building for the valuable collections which it has made."

"The collections are not fully appreciated now because of the crowding necessary, the large number of exhibits cannot be exhibited, and the necessity for dividing allied subjects and scattering the exhibits throughout the space we have. The Smithsonian Institution was never intended for a Museum, and the new Museum was erected only as a temporary building for that purpose. In addition, the force allowed is too small to perform the work that should be done. But we are doing the best we can, and slowly making improvements; but it is to be hoped that Congress will deal liberally with this department here long."

THE GRIDIRON DINNER.

Prospects for a Very Successful Entertainment Saturday Night. From present indications, the dinner of the Gridiron Club, at the Arlington Hotel, next Saturday night, will be one of the most notable in the history of the organization. Besides the many persons distinguished in private life, there will be present a number of Senators, Representatives and Army and naval officers.

Several unique features will be provided for the entertainment of the guests, and it is the intention to conduct the affair on the same elaborate scale that has characterized the annual gatherings of the club. It is the purpose of the club to make each season's events of equal interest.

The entertainments will be given in December, January, and March.

THE TABER MARITAL CONTEST.

Favorable Criticisms of the Wife Answer the Husband.

HYDIE PARK, Va., Dec. 7.—At the hearing of the application of Julia Marion Taber, the actress, for a divorce from Robert S. Taber, here, the testimony showed that Mr. Taber was jealous of his wife on account of the more favorable newspaper criticisms she received. In 1896 he began to show a coolness toward her which increased until September, 1898. In two cases Mr. Taber became so enraged that it was testified, he seized her by her throat severely. This happened once in New York and once in Utah.

At another time at Atlanta, Ga., he became so enraged at reading the compliments paid to Mrs. Taber by the newspapers that he overthrew the table at which they were breakfasting. Neither the petitioner nor defendant was in court.

Most of the testimony was given by affidavit. Miss Daley, who has been Mrs. Taber's maid for several years, was present, and testified to seeing Mrs. Taber seize Mr. Taber by the throat and choke her severely while they were in Utah. An agreement was filed between the parties that in case the bill was granted Mrs. Taber should receive an alimony of \$3,000. The decision has not yet been rendered.

Gifts for the Tuskegee Institute.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—As a result of the meeting held in Madison Square Garden Concert Hall on Monday evening in the interest of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute at Tuskegee, Ala., several gifts have been made besides the conditional subscription of \$25,000 from a lady in the West for the endowment fund. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Huntington made yesterday a gift of \$50,000 toward the endowment fund of the Tuskegee Institute.

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SPENT THE NIGHT AT SEA.

A Perilous Trip of Four Men in a Launch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—James Waterbury Eaton, of Babylon, L. I., and three friends dragged themselves ashore at the Battery yesterday morning from Mr. Eaton's launch by which, the clip, after an all-night fight with wind and wave. They were drenched to the skin and the launch was partially filled with water.

Mr. Eaton had often safely made the voyage from Babylon to this city in the launch, and when he invited three friends at Babylon to accompany him last Tuesday night they promptly accepted.

The launch had covered half of the trip when the machinery broke down. A strong northwest wind began to blow, and the yacht drifted seaward.

The wind went down at midnight, however, and by dint of oars and sail, with the assistance of the tide, the launch reached the Riker's Beacon. There she remained until yesterday morning, when the craft started again for New York. The guests spent the night in bailing, and this probably saved them from freezing to death.

RAILWAY MEN INDICTED.

Charged With Illegally Discharging an Employee.

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—A true bill was reported by the grand jury in the United States Circuit Court yesterday, against Almeria Lackey, superintendent of the Taunton Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, as the result of the controversy between the Order of Railway Telegraphers and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. Hugh J. Hill, a train dispatcher, on the same division, was also indicted.

The offense charged, is that both men were instrumental in the discharge of Peter J. Galligan, a member of the order, employed for some time in the train dispatcher's office. The action was taken under section 10 of the Interstate Commerce law.

A HOBART MEMORIAL FUND.

Initiatory Proceedings for the Purpose Begun at Paterson.

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 7.—The movement for a memorial to Garret A. Hobart, late vice president of the United States, assumed national proportions last night, when a meeting of the various citizens' committees, which already have a fund for the purpose, was held at the city hall. At the suggestion of Colonel William Barbour, it was decided to request all the newspapers of the country to receive subscriptions to the fund. Nothing definite has been decided yet as to the exact nature or location of the monument.

BIG STRIKE THREATENED.

Three Thousand Miners at Shamokin Ready to Quit Work.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 7.—It is rumored here that orders have been received from headquarters in Indianapolis by local officials of the United Mine Workers to be in readiness to order a strike here.

CURIOUS MEANS OF SUICIDE.

A Man Ties Himself to a Vicious Horse's Tail.

ECCKLEY, Ind., Dec. 7.—A young man named Bystrand, who has been working on a farm in this neighborhood, adopted a terrible means of self destruction a day or so ago. He tied himself to the tail of a vicious horse, and the animal kicked his brains out. Bystrand told some of his friends good-bye on Saturday, saying that he was going on a long journey.

Yesterday his lifeless body was found in a pasture, where it was being dragged to and fro by a horse. The man had tied one end of a rope around his own neck, and the other end to the horse's tail. His head was crushed into a jelly.

IMPORTANT FOR FARMERS

Publications Issued by the Agricultural Department.

The Work Greatly Exceeds That of Any Previous Year—The Cost of Printing—Care and Prudence Manifested—Value of Pamphlets—Increase in the Number of Bulletins.

There are but very few people not employed in the division of publications of the Department of Agriculture, who have any conception of the extent of the work of this part of the Government. In a report just made by the Secretary of Agriculture, he says:

"During the year 665 different publications were issued, aggregating 28,420 pages of printed matter, and the total number of copies was 7,075,775, greatly exceeding the work of any previous year. Of this number, 176 were Farmers' Bulletins, of which 2,437,000 copies were printed and distributed. The cost of printing these publications was \$91,966.59, and of blanks, blank books, etc., \$36,624.93, making the amount expended for this purpose \$128,591.52. There was paid for artists and illustrations, labor and materials in connection with the distributing of documents, and for artists' supplies, \$29,836.55, making the total expenditures under the supervision of the Division of Publications, exclusive of the amount appropriated for statutory salaries, \$158,428.07."

"Of the total number of copies of Farmers' Bulletins printed (2,437,000), Senators, Representatives, and Delegates to Congress took 1,101,285—considerably less than last year and the year previous. Under the law, when Senators, Representatives, and Delegates do not avail themselves of the entire number of Farmers' Bulletins allotted to them, the same revert to the Department for miscellaneous distribution or for satisfying further Congressional orders. I am therefore able, for the current year, to increase the quota of Farmers' Bulletins allotted to Members of Congress from 4,000 to 5,000 copies. During the year 22 new Farmers' Bulletins were issued, and 154 of those heretofore published were reprinted. Most of the bulletins of this series are of permanent value, and are therefore suitable for continuous distribution. It is my intention to still further increase this series by adding to it bulletins upon such subjects as the people seem to require information, and to give the same the widest possible distribution. The total number of Farmers' Bulletins issued since the series was inaugurated up to the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, was 109, and the total number of copies printed was 11,270,500, of which Senators, Representatives, and Delegates to Congress have received and distributed 6,851,752."

"The 'Yearbook' for 1899 is now in course of preparation and is modeled in accordance with the plan suggested in my last report. It will contain a resume of the achievements in the United States of every branch of science related to agriculture during the nineteenth century, and it is hoped that Congress will see the propriety of ordering an extra number, say 20,000, for distribution at the Paris Exposition in 1900. In connection with our agricultural exhibit, the distribution of special-bound copies of this publication would serve the useful purpose of acquainting foreign countries with the achievements in agriculture in the United States."

AN OUTLAW IN CUSTODY.

Lemon Long Defied the Constable, But Is Captured at Last.

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., Dec. 7.—After defying the officers of the law for weeks at his home in the pines, near Buddtown, James Lemon was arrested yesterday afternoon at Vincentown. He was armed with a knife and a revolver, but before he had a chance to draw either he was placed under arrest. His first impulse was to reach for his knife, but on being warned by the officers that he would be shot down in his tracks at the first move he made in that direction he decided to surrender.

The prisoner is a man of medium height and not at all dangerous looking, but, nevertheless, he has long been the terror of the residents of that part of the county, and many of them have been compelled to give him shelter when he was closely pursued by the officers of the law. He has openly boasted that he would rather be killed than spend a term in prison. Justice Slack committed him to the county jail, there being four separate charges against him of assault and battery with intent to kill.

USED DYNAMITE FOR SUICIDE.

Awful Death of an Illinois Coal Miner.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 7.—A novel suicide took place at the coal mine at Assumption, Christian county. Amos Finley entered an unused room and blew his head off with dynamite. One arm was also blown off. He had placed a stick of dynamite in his mouth.

Finley was a native of Scotland and a widower. His only daughter was adopted five years ago by her father, and lives at Des Moines, Iowa, on the death of Finley's wife at Des Moines.

The baby's coming is often looked forward to as a time of dread and danger. Many women are physically unfit to become mothers. They are sick and weak



in a womanly way and may well look with fear toward the time of maternity. Intelligent preparation for this time is most essential. An analysis of my life for months before my trial. Most women do not "train" at all and yet their trial is to be fifty times as severe as the athlete's.

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Ladies' Shoes, \$1.98 worth \$3, for 600 pairs in this lot—Black Vici Kid, in lace and button; black Vici Kid, with cloth tops, in lace and box calf; in lace; with patent leather tips and tips of the same, made on street and dress lasts. All lengths and widths.	Men's Shoes, \$2.79 worth \$4, for 719 pairs White Bros. Box Calf, Patent Leather, and Russia Calf Lace Shoes, Goodyear welt, with flint oak soles and hand finished bottoms. Stylish shapes and in all sizes.	Children's Shoes, 83c worth \$1.25, for 200 pairs of Children's Shoes, in sizes 5 to 8, solid Lenox Kidskin, with patent leather tips, and spring heels; very substantially made.	Boys' Shoes, 98c worth \$1.50, for 285 pairs Boys' "A" Calf Lace Shoes, with kid tops and spring heels; extension edge; all solid leather, and made on new opera last.
Ladies' Shoes, \$2.49 worth \$3.75, for 600 pairs Ladies' Fine French Vici Kid Lace and Button Shoes, with hand welt and hand turned soles; patent leather tips and tips of the same; on the buffed, coin, and egg lasts; very desirable shapes and quality. All lengths and widths.	Misses' Shoes, \$1.23 worth \$1.98, for 329 pairs Black and Tan Vienna Kidskin Lace Shoes, with patent leather tips; all solid throughout; sizes 12 to 2. Dressy and easy lasts.	Children's Shoes, \$1.23 worth \$1.75, for 350 pairs of Children's Patent Leather Spring Heel Shoes, with cloth tops; Black and Tan Vici Kid Shoes, with cloth tops and tips of kid or patent leather; all sizes 5 to 10-12.	Boys' Shoes, \$1.23 worth \$1.98, for 275 pairs Boys' Patent Leather and Enamel Leather Lace Shoes, with spring heels and extension edge; sizes 9 to 12-13; also 180 pairs Boys' Black Satin Calf Lace Shoes, with hard heels and extension edge; bull-dog last and all solid leather; sizes 2-12 to 5-12.

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The Holland at Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.—The submarine torpedo boat Holland is undergoing repairs at Pier 33, South Wharves, Delaware River. She will probably continue her inland route to Washington in two or three days.

The Sale of United States Bonds. Ellis H. Roberts, Treasurer of the United States, reports that the money derived from the \$25,000,000 bond sale up to yesterday amounts to \$18,921,950.

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DIED. HOLCER—On Wednesday, December 6, 1899, at 2:30 o'clock, MRS. ANNA HOLCER, the beloved wife of the late Benjamin Holcer, at her residence, 1241 4th St. N.W. Leaves four children to mourn her loss.

Funeral on Friday, December 8, at 2:30 o'clock, from Grogan's M. E. Chapel. Friends and relatives respectively invited.

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